


REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2007, requiring an election of the claimed invention between Group I as embodied in Claims 2, 3-5, and 13, Group II as embodied in Claims 2 and 6-8, Group III as embodied in Claims 2 and 9-12, Group IV as embodied in Claims 14, 15, 16, and 21, Group V as embodied in Claims 14, 17, 18, and 20, and Group VI as embodied in Claims 14, 19, and 22. The Examiner further noted that Claim 1 is a linking claim with respect to Claims 2-22, Claim 2 is a linking claim with respect to Claims 3-13, and Claim 14 is a linking claim with respect to Claims 15-22. Applicants hereby elect Group I embodied within Claims 1-5 and 13. Claims 6-12 and 14-22 are cancelled from further consideration without prejudice or disclaimer and are subject to the filing of a divisional application.

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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